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BOOK REVIEWS.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE GOVERNMENT IN CALIFORNIA, 1846-1850.
BY CARDINAL GOODWIN, M. A., NEW YORK. The Macmillan Company 1914, pp. 359.

This work covers the period in California history from 1846 to 1850. In the introductory chapter the author has traced briefly and in a general way, the extension of American influence over the territory from an early date to the completion of the conquest. This is followed by a more detailed account of the period of military rule and the political unrest resulting therefrom. The work of the Convention of 1849, and the election, organization, and important enactments of the first Legislature have been given due consideration. Chapter eighteen deals with the admission of California into the Union, and the final chapter contains some statistics on the population and resources of the new State in 1850.

THE WOODLEYS OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.
OUR CROCKER ANCESTORS.
THE BLOUNTS OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.
THE WILSONS.

These four pamphlets by Major J. F. Crocker, of Portsmouth, Va., printed in that city during the present year, contain carefully prepared accounts of four prominent families of Isle of Wight Co., Va. Major Crocker, in addition to his long and distinguished practice at the bar, has always been a student of the records of his native county, and these genealogies show the results of his investigations.

DWELLY'S PARISH RECORDS. Vol. III. KENT MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS.

Being all the monumental inscriptions in the parishes of Reculver-Cum-Hoath, Herne & Herne Bay, with tricks of all the Armorial Bearings and rubbings of old Brasses. By E. Dwelly, F. S. G. Herne Bay MCMXIV. Sole Agent, A. H. Mayhew, 56 Charing Cross Road, London, pp. 167.

This is another of Mr. Dwelly's admirable publications. Its chief interest to Virginians is the account of the remarkable old church at Reculver (of which our Robert Hunt was once vicar) which, in 1809 was torn down by vandals with the consent of the Archbishop of Canterbury. This ancient building which, from its remains of Roman architecture, was almost without parallel in England was most shamefully destroyed under pretense that it was in danger from the sea. The towers, now the property of Trinity House (the English light house board) still remain, and no doubt the church also could have been preserved.